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Nancy Rumrill  
Groundwater Office Representative, Region 9  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: *Curis's Pending UIC Application No. AZ396000001*

Dear Ms. Rumrill:

As you know, Southwest Value Partners, a Florence area landowner whom we represent, remains very interested in Curis's pending application for a UIC Class III permit for its proposed Florence Copper Mine and continues to be concerned about the mine's potential impacts on area groundwater resources. We understand that EPA representatives plan to visit the mine site as part of ongoing NHPA Section 106 consultations sometime during the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>. We would very much welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other EPA representatives while you are in Arizona. Please let us know when you would be able to meet with us and we will make arrangements.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your professional cooperation throughout this process.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Justin Merritt, Southwest Value Partners